

Whittier Alliance Board Meeting Minutes Draft
September 23, 2021 6:00-8:30 PM
Online Zoom Meeting

Present: Cyndi Hovey, Stephanie Brown, Sydney Burroughs, Kami Brodie, Nick Hutchinson, Shinjan Sengupta, George Rishmawi, Deja' Jendro, Nate Rastetter, Daniel Perez, Brigid Higgins, Nate Broadbridge

Non-board Community Members: Danny Villars

Staff: Kaley Brown, Robb Larson

Call to Order at 6:03pm by Cyndi Hovey

-The agenda is reviewed. **Motion to approve the agenda. Seconded. Motion passes.**

-The Standard of Conduct, Conflicts of Interest Policy, and Anti-Discrimination Policies are reviewed.

-The Board community agreements are shared and read aloud.

A round of introductions is done.

Discussion question: How are you today emotionally and/or energy-wise on a scale from 1-10 (1 = struggling/totally depleted, 10 = grounded/fully rested)

What color would you use to describe your above answer?

Secretary's Report: We have 12 active board members, all of whom are currently in good standing.

Three board members have been absent for one meeting and no board members have been absent for more than one. We will reach out to board members as-needed to make sure everyone is aware of any attendance issues, should they arise.

We encourage members to regularly review the attendance policy in the Bylaws to be sure you are planning ahead if you have a schedule conflict at any point during the board year; this will allow yourself the opportunity to convert the absence into an excused one with volunteer hours, if possible.

The August board meeting minutes are reviewed. **A motion is made to approve August minutes. Seconded. Unanimous approval.**

Treasurer's Report:

- Closing the Sunrise checking account x0252 has been an ongoing process and difficult to coordinate with the bank. The change should be reflected on September financials.
- Received ~\$20k from the CPP Contract
- Misc Receivables for \$211.97 was the returned bluetooth speaker for hybrid model
- 2022 budget to be set before the start of the next fiscal year

Motion to accept August financials. Seconded. Unanimous approval.

Acting Committees

- **Housing and Land Use**
 - All information is in the cover memo.
 - There will be a vote next month for approval of a community housing project.
 - Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 19.

- **Community Engagement**

- All information is in the cover memo.
- Next meeting will be Thursday, October 13.
- Mayoral Candidate Forum presented by Stevens Square is coming up on October 4 from 6 to 7:30
- Whittier Solidarity Network has scheduled an upcoming [Urban Design Meeting](#) on Saturday, September 25.

Community Concerns

- Unhoused neighbor support - a community member called the office and expressed concern about a growing homeless encampment near her home.
 - Hennepin County has purchased the Minneapolis Hostel location and intends to partner with Salvation Army to create a new women's shelter
 - [St. Stephen's - What Should I Do If...](#)

Closed Session

Board moved to closed session in order to:

1. Discuss the recommendations from the Board Nominations Committee;
2. **Move** to accept recommendation from the Nominations Committee to appoint Katie Heimer, Kate Davis, Danny Villars and Allison Bross-White to the Board of Directors;
3. Discuss 2116 Nicollet Project Steering Committee appointments; and
4. **Move** to appoint Candidates 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23 to the Project Steering Committee.

Motion to move to closed session at 6:45 pm. | Minutes respectfully submitted by Robb Larson.

AMENDMENT

Board voted on 10/28/2021 to amend the 9/23/2021 minutes to reflect the appointments of Katie Heimer to the 2021 Resident seat; Kate Davis and Danny Villars to the 2020 Resident seats; and vacating the 2019 Resident seat.